

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Dieter Scharnweber et al.

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Title: Metallic Object with a Nucleic Acid Coating and Derivatives Thereof and  
Method for Producing Said Object

Examiner: Young J. Kim

Art Unit: 1637

**Commissioner for Patents**

**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the office action dated 12/15/2008, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as shown in the attached marked-up complete list of claims; claims 25 and 26 are canceled.